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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: PATRIOTIC FRONT AT THE OAU SUMMIT

1. JOHNNY GRAHAM HAS EXPRESSED FCO CONCERN THAT THE  
FORTHCOMING OAU MINISTERIAL AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT  
MEETING IN LIBREVILLE MIGHT GRANT EXCLUSIVE RECOGNITION  
TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FRONT LINE  
PRESIDENTS. THE QUESTION WAS REFERRED TO THE HEADS OF  
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GOVERNMENT BY THE LAST OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING  
IN LOME.

2. BEFORE LOME, WE AND THE BRITISH SEPARATELY AND  
SUCCESSFULLY APPROACHED SELECTED AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO  
CONVEY OUR VIEW THAT EXCLUSIVE RECOGNITION OF THE  
PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD COMPLICATE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO

REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. GRAHAM PROPOSES A SIMILAR EFFORT NOW IN ADVANCE OF LIBREVILLE. THE BRITISH PLAN TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE CONCEPT THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT REPRESENTS THE FIGHTING FORCES OF ZIMBABWE NATIONALISM. A JUST POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, HOWEVER, MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AS WIDE A VARIETY OF POLITICAL OPINION AS POSSIBLE. EXCLUSIVE RECOGNITION OF THE FRONT WOULD IMPAIR THIS POLITICAL PROCESS.

3. GRAHAM SUGGESTS INFORMAL AND LOW-KEY APPROACHES BY THE US AND UK WHICH DO NOT APPEAR OBVIOUSLY CONCERTED.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO GRAHAM'S PROPOSAL.

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